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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2006, concerning the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: